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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Yannoni *et al.* ) Group Art Unit: 1653  
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Application No.: 10/523,014 ) Examiner: Monshipouri, Maryam  
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For: MK2 Interacting Proteins ) Confirmation No.: 2654  
  
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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

This paper is filed in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed February 1, 2007. The petition and fee for a three month extension of time accompanies this response.

In this second restriction requirement, the Examiner requires election from the following groups:

Group 4A: Claims 12-14 and 16, drawn to a method of use of modulators of MK2/STS interactions;

Group 4B: Claims 12-14 and 16, drawn to a method of use of modulators of MK2/HPH interactions;

Group 4C: Claims 12-14 and 16, drawn to a method of use of modulators of MK2/Shc interactions; and

Group 4D: Claim 15, drawn to a method of determining whether a test compound affects MK2 catalytic activity.

Applicants provisionally elect Group 4C, claims 12-14 and 16 with traverse. The Examiner has failed to show that searching all of the groups would constitute an undue

burden on the Examiner. A proper restriction requirement requires that both (1) the inventions are independent and distinct, and (2) there would be a serious burden on the Examiner if restriction was not required. M.P.E.P. § 803. All of the groups recite a complex comprising MK2. Accordingly, a search of Group 4C, in which the Examiner would identify publications related to MK2 complexes, would identify the MK2 complexes of the other groups. As such, the search would overlap.

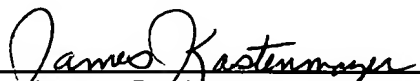
Applicants believe that there would not be a serious burden in Examining the groups together. Therefore, while Applicants elect Group 4C, Applicants request that the Examiner concurrently search and examine all the claims of Groups 4A through 4D.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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